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CODY THANKS WORKERS AT RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT

Staff Sgt. Reeba Critser, USA

TEXARKANA, Texas—Red River Army Depot is one of six sites producing armor survivability kits for high-mobility, multi-wheeled vehicles, and the Army's vice chief visited there Jan. 14 to thank employees.

The depot also recycles Humvees in a process called recapitalization, refurbishes heavy expanded mobility tactical trucks and is the Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for tactical wheeled vehicles, small emplacement excavators, Bradley tanks, Patriot missile recertification, and rubber products in support of U.S. and allied forces.

With the war on terrorism and the demand for more, better-made vehicles, the employees at this depot work around the clock to meet the demands of commanders in theater.

"I want to thank this generation of workers," said Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard A. Cody to the media during his visit to the depot Jan. 14. "[At the Pentagon] you can't see the production rate without seeing the faces of these people working three shifts to get the job done. They have the right priorities and are producing high-quality products."

He shared stories from his November trip to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

"I saw the look on troops' faces as they got the add-on armor kits," Cody said. "It came from Red River Depot and they know that Red River cares about them."

While touring the facility, Cody met Joe Clayborn, who has put in seven years of service at the depot. Clayborn, a Vietnam War veteran, has a son in the 502nd Regi-



Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard A. Cody (right) gets a tour of the Bradley manufacturing division at Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, Jan. 14.

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ment at Fort Campbell, Ky., who recently returned from a deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

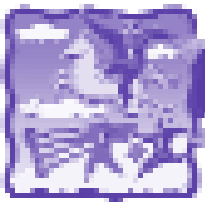
"[Clayborn] knows his son is safe," Cody told the employees of Red River Army Depot. "But he also knows that there are soldiers still on the line depending on him and all of you to produce the best products."

Sean Perry, another Army veteran who works at the depot as a grade eight mechanic, agrees with Cody.

"Everything we do here affects the soldier when in war and when not in war," Perry said. "What we do here makes [the soldiers] do their job properly."

The Red River Army Depot is the Army's only road wheel and track-shoe rebuild and manufacture facility, and it's the Defense Department's only facility to recertify Patriot and Hawk missile systems.

"The most important thing for combat commanders in the fight is not to stop," said depot commander Col. Michael Cervone. "With reliable equipment in the field, the commander won't have to stop. There is no greater risk than faulty equipment."



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Teams from Red River Army Depot set up a mini depot in Kuwait when Operation Iraqi Freedom began, giving soldiers a quick turn-around in repairs.

"It's more than a paycheck for these workers," Cody told the media in a press conference at the depot. "They know every minute counts. They know that everything they're building here is saving lives."

Crister is assigned to the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas.

DEPARTMENT OF NAVY NEWS RELEASE (DEC. 21, 2004) **NAVY'S ENERGY PROGRAM RECEIVES INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The Department of Navy (DoN) became the first U.S. government agency honored with a Platts Global Energy Award, which recognizes the energy industry's best of the best, during a Dec. 10 ceremony in New York City. The DoN's energy program was presented with the Industry Leadership Award for its extraordinary leadership and achievement in energy management.

William Tayler, director, DoN Shore Energy Office, accepted the award for the Navy. "On behalf of the secretary of Navy and the hard working Navy and Marine Corps Energy Team, I thank Platts and the judges for this award," said Tayler. "Being the first federal agency to receive this honor really underscores our team's commitment to conservation and being good stewards of the environment."

The Platts Global Energy Awards recognized the Navy for its energy reduction milestones and declining greenhouse gas and indirect nitrous oxide emissions. DoN's energy program has instituted technologies, programs, and awareness campaigns that significantly reduced energy consumption by worldwide Navy and Marine Corps installations, saving taxpayers more than \$500 million each year.

The Navy's worldwide energy program is managed by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. The program includes state-of-the-art technology and design, the most energy-efficient products, and a focus on individual contributions toward improved conservation and operations and maintenance strategies.

Nearly 200 nominations were submitted. An international panel of judges, including top corporate execu-

tives, leading academics, and senior analysts evaluated each entry within its category as well as its context within the energy industry.

For more information, visit the Navy's energy program at [<https://energy.navy.mil/ >](https://energy.navy.mil/).

AMERICAN GRADUATE UNIVERSITY NAMES THOMAS SCHEETZ 2004 STUDENT OF THE YEAR (JAN. 3, 2005)

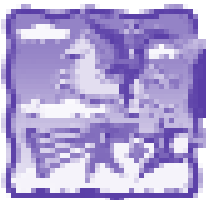
COVINA, Calif. —A U.S. Air Force contracting specialist who completed his master's degree in acquisition management in half the time it takes most graduate students, and whose GPA was a perfect 4.0, has won the 2004 Student of the Year Award from American Graduate University. The prize is awarded annually to the graduate whose academic accomplishment rises well above that of other high performing students in the same graduating class. This year's honoree is Thomas Scheetz, a procurement analyst at Shriever Air Force Base in Colorado.

"Tom's score on the program comprehensive examination was the highest ever achieved," said Mark Ferguson, president of American Graduate University. "And his grade point average was a perfect 4.0, which is all the more impressive because he completed the master of acquisition management degree program in a little over a year. The average time for completion is 24 months."

AGU's master of acquisition management program is one of three fully accredited graduate degrees offered to rising professionals in government and industry in a distance-learning format. The M.A.M. is highly sought after by contracting officers, financial analysts, and negotiators in the federal government procurement system. AGU also offers the master of contract management and the master of project management.

Scheetz recently ended a 30-year military career in the Air Force and continued his career as a civilian Air Force procurement analyst. A native of Sidney, Mont., Scheetz enlisted in the Air Force right after graduating from high school in 1974. He retired from the military last August as a chief master sergeant. During his tenure in the Air Force, Scheetz traveled to 48 states and 39 foreign countries.

Scheetz will be honored as AGU's 2004 Student of the Year at a national ceremony sponsored by the Distance Education & Training Council this spring.



ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT POLICY DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (ACQUISITION) CORPORATE INNOVATORS FOR 2004

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The Product Development & Management Association (PDMA) named the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, as one of two Outstanding Corporate Innovators for 2004 during PDMA's 28th Annual International Conference. This year's conference was held in Chicago on Oct. 26, 2004. The AFRL was selected from a field of over 20 global candidates nominated by PDMA members.

The award is meant to recognize and showcase organizations that have demonstrated an enterprise-wide commitment to innovation and have proved themselves to be highly successful in the continuous development of profitable new products. It also provides a significant learning vehicle for the new product development community by having the recipients share their award-winning practices.

This award once again highlights AFRL's commitment to providing technology solutions to the Air Force's air, space, weapons, information, and maintenance systems. Their work has a long history of advances that have both military and commercial applications.

Not content to rest on its record of past successes, and in response to Air Force goals to field technology faster and more affordably, AFRL undertook a remarkable transformation of their new product development efforts. They radically re-engineered their development process from a focus on advancing individual technology disciplines, to one focused on meeting today's customer needs, as well as anticipating latent needs 10 to 20 years in the future.

The current process actively involves customers in the planning, production, and deployment of products. Total end-use requirements, such as serviceability, receive much more attention as a result of the transformation. "Technology Roadmaps" and "Capability Planning" subprocesses are used to fuel innovation, capture needs, and synchronize developments/deployment schedules.

Editor's Note: Thirty-one firms have been recognized as Outstanding Corporate Innovators since the inception of the award. Past recipients have included Apple, BMW, Eastman Kodak, Harley-Davidson, Hewlett-Packard, Nabisco, and Pepsi-Cola.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 7, 2005)

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS NAMED

Twenty-eight winners have been selected in the 2004 Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Awards competition, sponsored by the CNO Environmental Readiness Division.

The annual program recognizes Navy individuals, teams, ships, and installations for their exceptional environmental stewardship. Competition categories include natural resources conservation, cultural resources management, environmental quality, pollution prevention, environmental restoration, and environmental planning.

Awards will be presented May 3, 2005, at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center in Washington, D.C. The 2004 winners are:

Natural Resources Conservation Large Installation Award

- Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev.
- Naval Base Coronado, Calif.
- Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, S.C.

Cultural Resources Management Installation Award

- Naval Base Coronado, Calif.
- Naval Base Kitsap at Bremerton, Wash.
- Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, N.H.

Cultural Resources Management Individual or Team Award

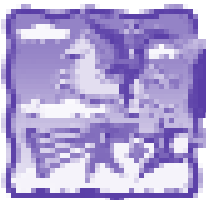
- John A. Cordray Jr., Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Charleston, S.C.
- William R. Manley, Navy Region Southwest, San Diego, Calif.
- James V. Sartain, Naval Support Activity Panama City, Fla.

Environmental Quality Industrial Installation Award

- Naval Air Depot Cherry Point, N.C.
- Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Hawaii
- Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Wash.

Environmental Quality Overseas Installation Award

- U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan
- U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan
- U.S. Naval Support Activity Bahrain



Environmental Quality Small Ship Award

- *USS Champion*, MCM Crew DELTA, Ingleside, Texas
- *USS McClusky*, San Diego, Calif.
- *USS O'Kane*, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Pollution Prevention Non-Industrial Installation Award

- Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.
- Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.
- Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash.

Pollution Prevention Individual or Team Award

- Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Pollution Prevention Team, Wash.
- Navy Region Northwest Spill Prevention and Response Team, Wash.
- *USS Salvor* Pollution Prevention Team, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Environmental Restoration Installation Award

- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Hawaii
- Naval Magazine Indian Island, Wash.
- Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Va.

Environmental Planning Team Award

- Fleet Forces Command Environmental Planning Team, Norfolk, Va.

For more information about the 2004 CNO Environmental Awards competition, contact Easter Thompson at Easter.R.Thompson@navy.mil.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (FEB. 18, 2005)

DOD AWARDS \$43.9 MILLION TO UNIVERSITIES FOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

The Department of Defense today announced plans to award \$43.9 million to academic institutions to support the purchase of research instrumentation. The awards are being made under the Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP).

The 212 awards to 108 academic institutions are expected to range from about \$60,000 to \$990,000 and average \$207,000. DURIP supports the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment that augments current university capabilities or develops new university capabilities to perform cutting-edge defense research. DURIP meets a critical need by enabling university researchers to purchase scientific equipment costing \$50,000 or more to conduct DoD-relevant research. The researchers generally have difficulty purchasing instruments costing that much under their research contracts and grants.

All awards are subject to the successful completion of negotiations between DoD research offices and the academic institutions.

This announcement is the result of a merit competition for DURIP funding conducted by the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research, and Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Each office requested proposals from university investigators working in areas of importance to DoD, such as information technology, remote sensing, propulsion, electronics and electro-optics, advanced materials, and ocean science and engineering. In response to the requests, the research offices collectively received 932 proposals, requesting \$253 million in support for research equipment.

Access the complete list of winning proposers at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2005/d20050218support.pdf>.

ACQUISITION BRANCH/DIVISION CHIEFS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, DIRECTORS, DEPUTY PROGRAM MANAGERS, PRODUCT MANAGERS, AND PROJECT MANAGERS.

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center, under the direction of Col. Genaro J. Dellarocco, is proud to recognize the competitive selection and assignment slating of Competitive Development Group (CDG) Year Group 2005 selectees.

Competitive Development Group	1st Year Development Assignment
Garry Appel	Joint PM Chem/Bio Defense
Larry Bradley	OASA (ALT)
Barbara Brown	Space and Missile Defense
Craig Burow	PEO AVN
Bruce Dahm	PEO Soldier
John Davis	PEO Soldier
Marcos Gonzalez	OASA (ALT)
Marian Guidry	Joint Project Office Ground Mid Course Defense
William Jones	OASA (ALT)
Jean Kampschroeder	Communications-Electronics Command
Victor Krepackcki	Science Training Technology Center, Applied Research Programs
David Marck	Space and Missile Defense
Norma McKayan	PEO Soldier
Peggy Schmoll	PEO AVN
Karen Waterford	Ground Mid Course Defense

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